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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs TO
MADRID, APRIL 11-13

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1. SUMMARY. IN COURSE OF HIS APRIL 11-13 VISIT TO
SPAIN, ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs MET WITH JUAN
CARLOS, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY PEREZ DE BRICIO, AND
TRADE MINISTER LLADO. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON SPANISH
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ACCESSION TO THE EC AND BILATERAL INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION
PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE NUCLEAR ENERGY AND AIR-
CRAFT SECTORS. THE KING EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN
SPANISH ACCESSION, BUT COMPLAINED ABOUT THE WAY SPAIN
IS BEING TREATED BY THE COMMUNITY ON AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES, AND REGULARIZATION OF 1970 TRADE AGREEMENT.
FRG NOW BELIEVES THAT ACCESSION APPLICATIONS BY SPAIN,

PORTUGAL, AND GREECE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER.
END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ACCORDING TO GERMAN PRESS REPORTS, ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICHs ASKED THE SPANISH OFFICIALS TO RE-EXAMINE SPAIN'S PROCUREMENT POLICY AS FAR AS THE "AIRBUS" WAS CONCERNED, POINTING OUT THAT SPAIN HOLDS A 4 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN AIRBUS PRODUCTION. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY PRESSED HIS SPANISH COUNTERPARTS TO ORDER TWO NEW NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANTS FROM THE FRG.

3. PRESS REPORTS ALSO INDICATED THAT THE SPANISH SIDE EXPRESSED SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC COMMISSION ON FISHERIES RIGHTS. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THE ORIGINAL SPANISH ENTHUSIASM FOR COMMUNITY ACCESSION HAS DECLINED CONSIDERABLY, PARTLY AT LEAST AS A RESULT OF THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN AN INTERVIEW FOR GERMAN RADIO ON APRIL 12, FRIDERICHs SAID THAT THE FRG IS SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS A SPANISH REQUEST FOR (COMMUNITY) ACCESSION AND THAT THE FRG WILL SUPPORT SUCH A REQUEST. IN REPLY TO A QUERY ON GERMAN INVESTMENT, FRIDERICHs SAID THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT GERMAN INVESTORS WERE GOING SLOW AT PRESENT, BUT THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO INVEST AGAIN AS SOON AS THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER, PROVIDED THE ELECTIONS CONFIRM SPAIN'S MOVEMENT ON A REASONABLE
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CENTRAL POLITICAL COURSE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: ACCORDING TO AN INFORMED ECONMIN OFFICIAL (MORAWITZ), FRIDERICHs ALSO MET WITH JUAN CARLOS IN MADRID. THE KING EXPRESSED STRONG

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INTEREST IN SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE EC, BASING HIS
INTEREST ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. HOWEVER, THE KING ALSO
TOLD FRIDERICHs THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH DISSATISFIED OVER
THE WAY SPAIN IS BEING TREATED BY SOME EC MEMBER STATES
AND THE EC COMMISSION ON THREE ISSUES: (1) THE FRENCH
AND ITALIANS SEEM TO HAVE ONLY THE NARROW INTEREST IN
PROTECTING THEIR AGRICULTURAL SECTORS AGAINST THE
THREAT OF SPANISH COMPETITION; (2) THE EC PROPOSAL TO
LIMIT SPANISH FISHERIES WITHIN THE EC ECONOMIC ZONE
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TO 10 PERCENT OF ITS TRADITIONAL CATCH, WHICH IS A
"SLAP-IN-THE-FACE" TO SPAIN; (3) THE EC REFUSAL TO
BARGAIN WITH SPAIN ON SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN TRADE
ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE 1970 AGREEMENT IS
REGULARIZED. DESPITE THESE IRRITATIONS, FRIDERICHs
WAS CONVINCED THAT SPAIN WILL APPLY FOR COMMUNITY
MEMBERSHIP VERY SOON AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

6. REFERRING TO THE ENLARGEMENT ISSUE IN GENERAL,
MORAWITZ SAID THAT THE FRG WAS COMING TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT THE APPLICATIONS BY SPAIN, PORTUGAL, AND GREECE

MUST BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER BY THE COMMUNITY. ONLY IN THIS WAY COULD THE OVERALL IMPLICATIONS OF ENLARGEMENT BE CONSIDERED RATIONALLY. HE RECOGNIZED THAT AN FRG DECISION TO SUPPORT THE "GLOBALIZATION" CONCEPT WOULD DISAPPOINT THE GREEKS IN PARTICULAR, BUT MAINTAINED THAT THE FRG ALSO HAS ITS OWN INTERESTS TO PROTECT.

7. WHEN QUERIED ON THE MADRID DISCUSSIONS ON NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANTS, MORAWITZ REPLIED THAT THESE TALKS WERE VERY PRELIMINARY IN NATURE, AS SPANISH PLANNING FOR PROCUREMENT OF NEW PLANTS IS ONLY IN AN INITIAL STAGE. HE WAS CERTAIN THAT SPAIN WOULD ALSO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROCURING THESE NEW PLANTS FROM OTHER SOURCES AS WELL, INCLUDING THE U.S.
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